

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA**

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SALE OF SAME MEDICINES UNDER DIFFERENT BRAND NAMES

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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that medicines of same formulations are being sold in the market in abundance under different brand names ;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that there is 50 to 100 per cent difference in the rates of medicines of such brands ;
- (c) if so, the details in this regard and the reasons therefor ; and
- (d) preventive / corrective measures being taken in this regard ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) to (d) : In the Pharmaceutical market, there are many brands of the same composition manufactured by different companies.

For a Scheduled formulation, a manufacturer is required to follow the price fixed by the Government in accordance with the provisions of the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1995. Prices of non-Scheduled formulations are fixed by the manufacturers themselves keeping in view the various factors like cost of production, marketing / selling expenses, R&D expenses, trade commission, market competition, product innovation, product quality etc,. The Government takes corrective measures where the public interest is found to be adversely affected.